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Applicants submit herewith Form PTO 1449 listing the reference known to them. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner (1) initial each reference listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449 indicating that the Examiner has considered and made that reference of record in this application and (2) return a copy of the initialed Form PTO 1449 to Applicants. Copies of the references are also enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the first Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a final action or a notice of allowance. Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount necessary to cover the cost of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is provided in the Transmittal Letter, submitted herewith.



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Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled METHODS FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF HCV ANTIGENS AND HCV ANTIBODIES are the following:

- 1. Information Disclosure Statement (1 page);
- 2. Form PTO - 1449 (1 Page), in duplicate, with 1 Reference;
- 3. Return Receipt Postcard.

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